# 73-7501 BLUMFIELD-REESE WATER AUTHORITY

# Saginaw and Tuscola Counties, Michigan

# **Annual Financial Statements**

Auditors' Reportul 2 1 2004

March 31, 2004

LOCAL AUDIT & FINANCE DIV.

Michigan Department of Treasury, Local Audit & Finance Division 496 (3-98), Formerly L-3147

# **AUDITING PROCEDURES REPORT**

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March 31, 2004	May May	7, 2004		<del></del>	July 20, 2004	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
prepared in accorda Reporting Format for	We have audited the financial statements of this local unit of government and rendered an opinion on financial statements prepared in accordance with the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the <i>Uniform Reporting Format for Financial Statements for Counties and Local Units of Government in Michigan</i> Department of Treasury.									
We affirm that:	We affirm that: \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\									
1. We have complied with the Bulletin for the Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan as Yevised.										
	public accountants re				\u_{\u_{1}}	OCAL AUDIT & FIN	ANCE DIV.			
We further affirm the in the report of common the r	e following. "Yes" res ments and recommend	ponses have t dations	peen disclosed in t	he fina	ncial stateme	ents, including	the notes, or			
You must check the	applicable boxes for e	each item belov	w.							
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	ne local unit has been nit.	delinquent in d	listributing tax reve	nues th	nat were colle	ected for anoth	er taxing			
yes on 7. The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during the year).										
	ne local unit uses cred 995 (MCL 129.241).	it cards and ha	s not adopted an a	applicat	ole policy as	required by P./	A. 266 of			
☐ yes ⊠ no 9. Th	ne local unit has not a	dopted an inve	stment policy as re	equired	by P.A. 196	of 1997 (MCL	129.95).			
We have enclose	ed the following:			***************************************	Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required			
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# **Auditors' Report**

March 31, 2004

# **BOARD MEMBERS**

-			TERM <u>EXPIRES</u>
<b>##</b>	DONALD REIF	CHAIRMAN	3/31/04
	ROBERT MANLEY	VICE-CHAIRMAN	3/31/04
-	HOWARD BERNREUTER	TREASURER	3/31/06
	DON HAUSBECK	SECRETARY	3/31/05
	JIM PRUETER	MEMBER	3/31/05
	JOE HEMBLING	MEMBER	3/31/04
	MIKE ROGERS	MEMBER	3/31/05
-	MIKE TROMBLEY	MEMBER	
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### **Independent Auditors' Report**

Board of Trustees Blumfield-Reese Water Authority Saginaw and Tuscola Counties, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Blumfield-Reese Water Authority as of and for the year ended March 31, 2004, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Blumfield-Reese Water Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Blumfield-Reese Water Authority at March 31, 2004, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Yeo & Yeo, P.C.

Saginaw, Michigan

May 7, 2004

# Blumfield-Reese Water Authority Saginaw and Tuscola Counties, Michigan Balance Sheet

900		Marc	h 31,
		2004	2003
_			
	Assets		
_	Current assets		
	Cash and cash equivalents		
	Cash on hand	\$ 150	\$ 150
-	Cash on deposit	311,308	273,501
	Certificate of deposit	153,973	87,130
-		465,431	360,781
	Accounts receivable - water	59,717	62,885
-	Prepaid insurance	1,012	11,492
	Inventory - materials and supplies, at cost	4,745	4,198
	Due from Bavarian Builders	-	4,114
-	Due from Blumfield Township	10,893	10,893
	Total current assets	541,798	454,363
_			
	Restricted assets		
	Cash and cash equivalents		4 700
_	Cash on deposit - extensions		4,708
	Cash on deposit - system replacement fees	40,567	22,614
	Long-term contract receivable - extensions	195,335	231,235
	Total restricted assets	235,902	258,557
	Property, plant and equipment, at cost		
	Tower sign	1,895	1,895
	Land and improvements	62,918	62,918
_	Buildings	49,428	49,428
	Equipment	18,152	14,929
	Elevated tank	98,108	98,108
-	Distribution system	3,394,032	3,389,264
	Construction in progress	90,928	
		3,715,461	3,616,542
_	Less: accumulated depreciation	1,304,343	1,215,260
	Net property, plant and equipment	2,411,118	2,401,282
	Total	<u>\$ 3,188,818</u>	\$ 3,114,202

# Blumfield-Reese Water Authority Saginaw and Tuscola Counties, Michigan Balance Sheet (Continued)

		Marc	h 31,	0000
Probable and Frank Facility		2004		2003
Liabilities and Fund Equity				
Liabilities				
Current liabilities	_			40.00
Maturing general obligation bonds	\$	40,000	\$	40,00
Accounts payable		17,352		15,30
Due to property owners		20,674		29,26
Total current liabilities		78,026		84,57
Current liabilities payable from restricted assets				
Maturing bonds and contracts payable		29,200		35,90
Deferred revenue				
M-46/M-83 extension		6,371		9,75
M-15, W. of Block extension		551		2,17
Janes, W. of Beyer extension		(4,727)		(4,08
Janes, E. of Beyer extension		(3,166)		(2,25
Block/M-46/Reese		(10,878)		(14,61
Bradley		(3,218)		(4,91
Dehmel		2,895		2,89
M-15/Reese/Wilder		16,999		20,90
Beyer, N. of M-81		(5,158)		(5,15
Total current liabilities payable from restricted assets		28,869		40,60
Long-term liabilities (less current maturities)				
General obligation bonds payable				
1968 issue		80,000		120,00
M-46/M-83 extension		45,000		50,00
Installment purchase contracts				
Janes, E. of Beyer extension		12,000		15,00
Block\M-46\Reese		65,337		81,67
Bradley		43,798		48,66
Total long-term liabilities		246,135		315,33
3				
Fund equity				
Fund equity Contributions in aid of construction				
Fund equity Contributions in aid of construction Subdividers and developers		260,158		
Fund equity Contributions in aid of construction Subdividers and developers Blumfield Township		1,118,963		1,147,17
Fund equity Contributions in aid of construction Subdividers and developers		•		268,73 1,147,17 1,257,77
Fund equity Contributions in aid of construction Subdividers and developers Blumfield Township		1,118,963		1,147,1

# Blumfield-Reese Water Authority Saginaw and Tuscola Counties, Michigan Statement of Revenues and Expenses Year Ended March 31, 2004

	General perations	В	ginal ond tivity	To	umfield ownship tensions		Total
Revenues Connection income Less: connection expenses	\$ 19,250 16,822	\$	- -	\$	-	\$	19,250 16,822
Net connection income (loss)	 2,428		-		-		2,428
Water revenues Less: cost of water	 315,239 168,007		<u>-</u>		-		315,239 168,007
Net water revenue	147,232				-		147,232
Water availability charge	 	3	1,483				31,483
Total revenues	149,660	3	1,483		-		181,143
Operating expenses	226,202						226,202
Net income (loss) from operations	 (76,542)	3	1,483			_	(45,059)
Other revenue Interest Property owner payment	5,505		-		-		5,505
for Dixon/Meridian extension  Bond revenues	98,542		-		-		98,542
Bond charge	-	5	1,572		-		51,572
Oversize meter charge	-		3,956		-		3,956
System replacement fees	40,567		-		-		40,567
Systems fees Trailer park	-		26		-		26
Monthly charge	_		2,636		-		2,636
Rental of tower space	7,685		-		-		7,685
Late charges and other	4,367		-		-		4,367
Miscellaneous	984		-		-		984
Contributions from municipalities for bond interest and fees	-	<del></del>	-		12,963		12,963
Total other revenue	 157,650	5	8,190		12,963		228,803
Other charges Interest on bonds Fees	- -		8,400 275		12,563 400		20,963 675
Total other charges	 -		8,675		12,963		21,638
Net income (loss)	 81,108	\$ 8	0,998	\$		\$	162,106

# Blumfield-Reese Water Authority Saginaw and Tuscola Counties, Michigan Statement of Changes in Fund Equity Year Ended March 31, 2004

	Contributions in Aid of Construction	Retained Earnings	Total		
Balance - March 31, 2003	\$ 1,415,909	\$ 1,257,773	\$ 2,673,682		
Net income	-	162,106	162,106		
Redistribution of depreciation attributable to contributions	(36,788)	36,788			
Balance - March 31, 2004	\$ 1,379,121	<u>\$ 1,456,667</u>	\$ 2,835,788		

# Blumfield-Reese Water Authority Saginaw and Tuscola Counties, Michigan Statement of Cash Flows

	Year Ended March 31,			
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2004		2003
Cash flows from operating activities				
Net income (loss) from operations	\$	(45,059)	\$	(91,419)
Adjustments to reconcile net income from operations		,		• • •
to net cash provided by operating activities				
Depreciation		89,363		86,524
(Increase) decrease in:				
Accounts receivable		3,168		(2,584)
Prepaid expenses		10,480		(9,992)
Inventory		(547)		79
Due from Bavarian Builders		4,114		-
Increase (decrease) in:				
Accounts payable		2,043		821
Due to property owners		(8,594)		-
Deferred revenue		(5,039)		(7,208)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	-	49,929		(23,779)
Cash flows from capital and				
related financing activities				
Contributions in aid of construction		-		9,900
Debt service charges		111,793		93,828
Contributions for bond interest, fees and other		12,963		14,840
Payments from long-term contract receivable		35,900		35,900
Principal payments on long-term debt		(75,900)		(75,900)
Interest payments on general obligation bonds		(20,963)		(25,240)
Fees		(675)		(675)
Special assessments received		-		369,398
Payments from property owners received		98,542		36,500
Additions to property, plant and equipment	<del></del>	(99,199)		(451,035)
Net cash provided by capital				
and related financing activities		62,461		7,516
Cash flows from investing activities				
Purchase of certificate of deposit		(66,843)		(47,130)
Interest income		5,505		8,992
Net cash used by investing activities		(61,338)		(38,138)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		51,052		(54,401)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		300,973		355,374
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$</u>	352,025	\$	300,973

Saginaw and Tuscola Counties, Michigan Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2004

#### NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE

In April of 1966, Blumfield Township and the Village of Reese organized the Blumfield-Reese Water Authority. Upon organization, the Water Authority issued \$1,000,000 of bonds dated October 1, 1968 for the purpose of constructing certain storage, transmission and distribution facilities to provide a supply of filtered water from the City of Saginaw to the respective municipalities. The bonds are secured by the full faith and credit pledges of the respective municipalities on an equal basis. Effective May 1, 1997, the Corporation amended its articles of incorporation to include the Township of Denmark.

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual method of accounting, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to enterprise funds. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

#### THE REPORTING ENTITY

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement 14, certain other governmental organizations are not considered to be part of the Water Authority entity for financial reporting purposes. The criteria established by GASB 14 for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity's financial statements include oversight responsibility, scope of public service, and special financing relationships. On this basis, the financial statements of certain other governmental organizations listed below are not included in the financial statements of the Water Authority.

Blumfield Township Village of Reese Denmark Township

#### **MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The proprietary fund types (Enterprise Funds) are accounted for on a cost-of-service or "capital maintenance" measurement focus, using the accrual basis of accounting.

#### CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Water Authority considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a contractual maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### **INVENTORY**

Inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. The costs of inventories are recorded as expenditures when consumed.

#### **ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **COMPARATIVE DATA**

Comparative total data for the prior year have been presented in selected sections of the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of the changes in the government's financial position and operations. Also, certain amounts presented in the prior year data have been reclassified in order to be consistent with the current year's presentation.

#### **GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD STATEMENT 20**

In accordance with GASB Statement 20, the Authority has elected not to apply the FASB statements and interpretations issued after November 30, 1989 to its financial statements.

#### **GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD STATEMENT 34**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has issued Statement No. 34, Basic Financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments. This new reporting standard will impact the Authority's revenue and expenditure recognition; and assets, liabilities and fund equity reporting. The new standard will also require reformatting of the financial statements and restating beginning balances. The City is required to implement the new reporting model for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005. Due to the significance of the changes required, it is not possible to present proforma data prior to implementation.

#### NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

As of March 31, 2004 and 2003, cash and cash equivalents are recorded in the financial statements in the amount of \$351,875 and \$300,823 (excluding cash on hand of \$150), respectively. Total bank deposits amounted to \$318,874 and \$311,178, respectively, at year end. Of these amounts, \$105,666 and \$105,773, respectively, was insured and \$213,208 and \$152,405, respectively, was uninsured. The remaining \$43,000 and \$53,000, respectively, was in a municipal investment fund. In addition, the Authority held certificates of deposit as of March 31, 2004 and 2003 in the amount of \$153,973 and \$87,130, respectively. Of these amounts, \$100,000 and \$87,130 was insured, respectively. The nature of the investment fund does not allow for risk categorization, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 3.

INVESTMENTS - The Authority is authorized by Michigan Public Acts 217 and 367 of 1982 to invest surplus monies (of nonpension funds) in U.S. bonds and notes, certain commercial paper, U.S. government repurchase agreements, bankers acceptances and mutual funds and pooled investment funds that are composed of authorized investment vehicles. The only investments held by the Authority for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 were municipal investment funds.

#### NOTE 4 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The straight line method of depreciation was used for depreciating plant and equipment based on the following useful lives:

Land improvements	15 years
Buildings	10-15 years
Elevated Tank	5-40 years
Distribution System:	-
Lines	45 years
Pumps and Controls	15 years
Meters	15 years
Equipment	5-10 years
Tower sign	10 years

Depreciation expense for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004 was \$89,363.

#### NOTE 5 - LONG TERM DEBT

Debt is as follows:

	March 31,			
		2004		2003
Beginning balance Payments during year	\$	391,235 (75,900)	\$	467,135 (75,900)
Ending balance Less: current maturities		315,335 69,200		391,235 75,900
Long-term portion of debt	\$	246,135	\$	315,335

The annual requirements to pay principal and interest of 6% for the 1968 bonds of \$1,000,000 are as follows:

Year Ending March 31,	Principal		Principal				nterest	 Total		
2005 2006 2007	\$	40,000 40,000 40,000	\$	6,000 3,600 1,200	\$ 46,000 43,600 41,200					
	<u>\$</u>	120,000	\$	10,800	\$ 130,800					

During the year ended March 31, 1993, the Water Authority issued \$105,000 of fully registered bonds for the purpose of constructing the M-46/M-83 water main extension. The principal and interest on the bonds are to be repaid by Blumfield Township through a contract entered into between the Authority and Township.

Future interest and principal payments are as follows:

Year Ending March 31,	Interest Rate	Р	rincipal	_1	nterest	 Total
2005	6.40%	\$	5,000	\$	3,173	\$ 8,173
2006	6.50%		5,000		2,850	7,850
2007	6.60%		5,000		2,523	7,523
2008	6.70%		5,000		2,190	7,190
2009	6.75%		5,000		1,855	6,855
2010-2012	6.75%		25,000		2,869	 27,869
		<u>\$</u>	50,000	\$	15,460	\$ 65,460

During the year ended March 31, 1995, the Water Authority entered into an installment purchase contract for \$245,000 for the purpose of constructing the Block Road / M-46 / Reese Road water main extension. The principal and interest on the contract are to be repaid by Blumfield Township through a contract entered into between the Authority and Township.

Future interest and principal payments are as follows:

_	Year Ending March 31,	Interest Rate	Principal		Principal Interest			Total
	2005	5.0%	\$	16,333	\$	4,140	\$	20,473
	2006	5.0%		16,333		3,312		19,645
	2007	5.0%		16,333		2,484		18,817
	2008	5.0%		16,333		1,661		17,994
	2009	5.0%	-	16,338		828	_	17,166
			\$	81,670	\$	12,425	\$	94,095

During the year ended March 31, 1995, the Water Authority entered into an installment purchase contract for \$ 45,000 for the purpose of constructing the Janes, E. of Beyer Road water main extension. The principal and interest on the contract are to be repaid by Blumfield Township through a contract entered into between the Authority and Township.

Future interest and principal payments are as follows:

Year Ending March 31,	Interest Rate	Pı	rincipal	<u>lr</u>	nterest	Total
2005	5.0%	\$	3,000	\$	760	\$ 3,760
2006	5.0%		3,000		608	3,608
2007	5.0%		3,000		456	3,456
2008	5.0%		3,000		305	3,305
2009	5.0%		3,000		152	 3,152
		<u>\$</u>	15,000	<u>\$</u>	2,281	\$ 17,281

During the year ended March 31, 1999, the Water Authority entered into an installment purchase contract for \$73,000 for the purpose of constructing the Bradley Road water main extension. The principal and interest on the contract are to be repaid by Blumfield Township through a contract entered into between the Authority and the Township.

Future interest and principal payments are as follows:

Year Ending March 31,	Interest Rate	Principal		Interest		_	Total
2005	4.85%	\$	4,867	\$	2,360	\$	7,227
2006	4.85%		4,867		2,124		6,991
2007	4.85%		4,867		1,888		6,755
2008	4.85%		4,867		1,652		6,519
2009	4.85%		4,867		1,416		6,283
2010-2014	4.85%	_	24,330		3,540		27,870
		\$	48,665	\$	12,980	<u>\$</u>	61,645

# **Blumfield-Reese Water Authority** Saginaw and Tuscola Counties, Michigan **Schedule of Operating Expenses** Year Ended March 31, 2004

-	Salaries Board expense Legal and professional	\$	59,539 10,230 7,350
_	Office expense		4,040
	Utilities		3,743
	Insurance		14,086
	Equipment rental		4,800
_	Repair and maintenance		24,539
	Payroll taxes		4,234
	Miscellaneous		4,278
_	Total operating expenses before depreciation		136,839
_	Depreciation		89,363
	Total operating expenses	<u>\$</u>	226,202

# Saginaw and Tuscola Counties, Michigan Schedule of Revenues

# Year Ended March 31, 2004

Connection income	
Blumfield	\$ 8,414
Reese	8,275
Denmark	2,561
Total connection income	19,250_
Water revenues	
Blumfield	129,519
Reese	123,945
Denmark	31,170
Water salesman	30,605
Total water revenues	315,239
Other revenue	
Rental of tower space	7,685
Late charges	4,367
Miscellaneous	984
Total other revenue	13,036_
-	<u>\$ 347,525</u>

# Saginaw and Tuscola Counties, Michigan Schedule of Expenses Excluding Depreciation Year Ended March 31, 2004

Connection expense	\$ 16,822
Water cost	
Blumfield	69,027
Reese	66,057
Denmark	16,612
Water salesman	16,311
Total water cost	168,007
Operating expenses excluding depreciation	
Salaries	59,539
Board expense	10,230
Legal and professional	7,350
Office expense	4,040
Utilities	3,743
Insurance	14,086
Equipment rental	4,800
Repair and maintenance	24,539
Payroll taxes	4,234
Miscellaneous	4,278
Total operating expenses excluding depreciation	136,839
Total expenses excluding depreciation	<u>\$ 321,668</u>

# Saginaw and Tuscola Counties, Michigan Schedule of Original Bond Revenues, Bond Payments and Municipal Capital Year Ended March 31, 2004

	Blumfield Capital	Blumfield Original	Reese Original	Denmark Original	Total
Revenue Bond charge Oversize meter	\$ - -	\$ 25,793 1,136	\$ 25,779 2,497	\$ - 323	\$ 51,572 3,956
Trailer Park Monthly charge	-	-	2,636	-	2,636
System fees	16	-	-	10	26
Water availability charge Original	30,083 \$ 30,099	<del></del> \$ 26,929	1,400 \$ 32,312	\$ 333	31,483 \$ 89,673
Bond payments Principal Interest Fees	\$ - - -	\$ 20,000 4,200 137	\$ 20,000 4,200 138	\$ - - -	\$ 40,000 8,400 275
	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 24,337	\$ 24,338	\$ -	\$ 48,675
Balance collected in previous years	\$ 258,831				
Current year revenues	30,099				
Balance, March 31, 2004	\$ 288,930				

# Saginaw and Tuscola Counties, Michigan Schedule of Water Charges Year Ended March 31, 2004

Blumfield Capital

Reese

Denmark

Total

_	Water availability charge	\$ 30,083	\$ 1,400	\$ -	\$ 31,483
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_	System fees	16_	_	10	26
		\$ 30,099	\$ 1,400	\$ 10	\$ 31,509
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		Blumfield	Reese	Denmark	Total
_	System replacement fees	\$ 20,501	\$ 14,735	\$ 5.331	\$ 40.567



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LOCAL AUDIT & FINANCE DIV.

May 7, 2004

Board of Trustees Blumfield-Reese Water Authority 12810 E. Washington Road Reese, Michigan

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Blumfield-Reese Water Authority for the year ended March 31, 2004, we considered the Authority's internal control system to determine our auditing procedures for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal controls.

However, during our audit, we became aware of the following matter that is an opportunity for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. This letter does not affect our report dated March 31, 2004, on the financial statements of the Blumfield-Reese Water Authority.

#### DOCUMENTATION OF DISBURSEMENTS

Strong internal controls require documentation for all transactions. The following items were noted in the cash disbursements testing of 25 items:

- Voided checks were not properly defaced; thus creating a potential for someone
  who can gain access to the check to misappropriate cash by completing the data
  on the check for fraudulent purposes. To reduce this risk, we recommend that
  all voided checks be defaced and rendered unusable by tearing off the signature
  corner.
- One disbursement was not recorded to the appropriate general ledger account requiring an adjusting journal entry to record it to the proper account.

#### **IMPROVE FINANCIAL RECORDS**

At present, the Authority does not maintain an adequate set of financial records. A complete chart of accounts is not utilized, which makes it difficult to record certain cash receipts and disbursements to the proper accounts. Such a system does not permit the preparation of accurate and reliable monthly financial statements. During the audit, excessive time is spent in preparing and auditing the financial statements due to numerous reclassifications being necessary.

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Board of Trustees Blumfield-Reese Water Authority Reese, Michigan

#### PRIOR YEAR COMMENTS

#### **WATER BILLINGS AND RECEIPTS**

In fiscal year 2003, the Authority ended their arrangement with Frankenmuth Credit Union, in which the Credit Union had collected the majority of the Authority's water billings. Due to this change, all procedures related to billing and collections are handled by the same individuals. These individuals take the meter readings, input the meter readings, mail out bills, collect cash receipts, and credit customers' accounts. This presents a significant internal control issue. We understand that in small offices it is very difficult to separate accounting functions; however, we recommend the Board review the above and establish proper internal controls in this area.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We will be pleased to discuss these items in further detail at your convenience or assist you in implementing the recommendations.

Very truly yours,

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